

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****[CDG 98-002]****Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Request for Applications****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applicants to serve on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC). MERPAC is a 19-member Federal Advisory Committee appointed by the Secretary of Transportation to advise the Coast Guard on matters related to the training, qualification, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine.

DATES: Membership applications should be received no later than April 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Persons interested in serving on MERPAC may obtain an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd St., SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or by calling (800) 842-8740 ext. 7-6890, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Requests for application forms may also be faxed to (202) 267-4570.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Steven J. Boyle, Executive Director, or Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant Executive Director, at the above address or by telephone at (202) 267-0214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MERPAC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) to advise the Coast Guard on merchant marine personnel issues such as implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, types of marine simulation utilized in lieu of sea service for marine licenses, and regional examination center activities. Seven current appointments expire in January 1998.

Applicants with one or more of the following backgrounds are needed to fill the positions:

- (a) Deck officer.
- (b) Three marine educator representatives.
- (c) Engineering officer.
- (d) Public representative.
- (e) Unlicensed engineer.

The membership term is 3 years. No member may hold more than two consecutive 3-year terms.

To achieve the desired balance of membership, the Coast Guard is

especially interested in receiving applications from minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. The members of the Committee serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, travel reimbursement and per diem will be provided. The MERPAC Committee normally meets twice a year, once in Washington, DC, and once elsewhere in the country. Working group meetings may be authorized for specific problems as required.

Applicants may be required to complete an Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (SF 450).

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Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****[Summary Notice No. PE-97-66]****Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before February 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tawana Matthews (202) 267-9783 or Angela Anderson (202) 267-9681 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

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Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: 28824.

Petitioner: Triad International Maintenance Corporation.

Regulations Affected: 25.807(c)(1).

Description of Petition: To exempt TIMCO from the requirements of 14 CFR 25.807(c)(1) to permit the deactivation of the R-1 passenger emergency exit of a Boeing 767-200 Freighter aircraft.

Docket No.: 29096.

Petitioner: Guam Institute of Aviation Technology.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 147.31(c)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner to credit a student with instruction or previous experience that was not completed at an accredited university, college, or junior college, an accredited vocational, technical, trade, or high school; a military technical school; or a certificated aviation maintenance technical school.

Docket No.: 29075.

Petitioner: Mercy Medical Center Redding.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.213(a).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner to conduct fixed-wing emergency medical system departures under instrument flight rules in weather that is at or above visual flight rules minimums from airports at which a weather report is not available from the U.S. National Weather Service (NWS), a source approved by the NWS, or a source approved by the FAA Administrator.